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EXAMINING GROUP 3743

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 3743
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Hiromichi AKIMOTO)	Examiner: A. M. RAGONESE
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Appln. No.: 10/035,421)	Washington, D.C.
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Date Filed: January 4, 2002)	Confirmation No.: 2427
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For: APPARATUS FOR FREEZE-DRYING)	August 5, 2004
FOODSTUFFS, MEDICAMENTS)	

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Sir:

Replying to the Final Office Action mailed April 5,
2004, ~~petition for one-month's extension of time and late fee~~
being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.